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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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Senate No. SJR0196  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Tommy Jewell and the 1994-1995 Meigs County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, with rare poise, determination and skill, the awesome 1994-1995 Meigs County High School girls' basketball team has clearly and unquestionably demonstrated that "they're number one" to the joyous delight of their many fans and hardwood enthusiasts, by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, Meigs won the highly regarded Emerald Coast Classic, held in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers won the regular season District 5 AA title, with an unblemished 10-0 record; and

WHEREAS, they won the District 5 AA Tournament, with impressive victories against Sweetwater 65-37 and McMinn Central 60-38; and

WHEREAS, Region 3 AA Tournament foes were no match for the Big Orange and Black Machine, which rolled past Tyner 96-35, Sweetwater 75-38 and McMinn Central 64-21, to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, this tremendously talented team beat Scott County 102-56; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers pounced on their State Tournament adversaries, winning that prestigious championship, by beating South Greene 80-42, Marshall County 53-45 and Hickman County 72-70; and

WHEREAS, Meigs finished their storybook season, with a sterling 37-1 overall record, a winning percentage of .970%; and

WHEREAS, the authoritative *USA Today* poll ranked Meigs County as the fifteenth best team in the nation; and

WHEREAS, admiring fans and sportswriters have called their highly regarded **head coach Tommy Jewell**, who capped a brilliant career with one of the best basketball squads ever to grace Tennessee hardwoods, “legendary”, “respected”, “exemplary”, “expert”, “praiseworthy”, “adroit”, “dedicated”, “diligent”, “hard-working”, “exceptional”, “inspirational”, and “a perfect role model”. His capable Assistant Coach was **Milburn Harmon**; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were senior **Misty Greene**, who was Class AA “Miss Basketball”, Associated Press and Coaches All-State Teams, State Tournament Most Valuable Player, Region 3 All-Tournament, District 5 Tournament Most Valuable Player and District 5 regular season Most Valuable Player; senior **Pam Irwin**, on the Associated Press and Coaches All-State Teams, All-State Tournament Team, chosen Region 3 Tournament Most Valuable Player, District 5 All-Tournament, and District 5 regular season All-District recognition; senior **Denise Grooms** on the All-State Tournament Team, Region 3 All-Tournament, District 5 All-Tournament and District 5 regular season All-District honoree and senior **Leah Jones**, who was chosen Region 3 All-Tournament and District 5 All-Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the other members of this tremendously talented team were seniors **Danah Renner** and **Beckie Letner**; juniors **Tanya Simmons** and **Nacole Harris**; sophomores **Wendy Meadows**, **Crystal Oran** and **Amber Wilson** and freshmen **Cindy Hutsell** and **Autumn Brown**, each of whom made a significant contribution to the success the team enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, **Principal Don Roberts**, **Assistant Principal James Woodcock**, Manager **Carissa Davis** and **Ashley Rockholt** and Scorekeeper **Carmen Jennings** have been very supportive; and

WHEREAS, the great Meigs County High School basketball cheerleaders, who won the coveted State Tournament Sportsmanship Award, were expertly sponsored by **Betty Lynn Thompson** and **Amy Woods**. The cheerleaders were **Mary Ann Landrum**, **Patricia Moore**, **Allison Bryant**, **Misty Eller**, **Amanda Lillard**, **Jill Myers**, **Rachell Newman**, **English Rockholt**, **Dana Rynes**, **Beth Tuell** and **Susan Wilson**; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to salute the accomplishments of this great championship squad, which is a credit to their school, their community and to Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Tommy Jewell and the 1994-1995 Meigs County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament and wish them continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.